

attitude will be missed, and it was an honor to have known him. He is a sterling example of what it means to be an effective legislator who has earned the full respect of those whom he represents. He was not just a great representative for the Commonwealth, but he was also a genuine person who brought honor and integrity to everything he did. Senator Colgan accomplished much in his career, and he will be remembered not just for his legislative achievements, but also for the manner in which he treated those around him, with respect and decency.

Senator Colgan adopted a service oriented mindset long before his time in the Virginia State House. After serving in the Army Air Forces during World War II, he started Colgan Air—a regional commuter airline based in Manassas, Virginia. Not only did this commuter airway provide a valuable service to Americans and Virginians, but it also helped create jobs and economic opportunity in Prince William County.

After many successful years at Colgan Air, Senator Colgan was elected to the Virginia Senate in 1975 to represent several fast-growing areas of Virginia including Manassas, Manassas Park and parts of Prince William County. During his time in the Senate, he co-chaired the Senate Finance Committee, taking a particular interest in the economic and educational development of Prince William County and the surrounding area. He was instrumental in bringing Northern Virginia Community College Campuses to Woodbridge, as well as establishing George Mason University's Manassas location. Senator Colgan truly carried himself as a citizen-politician—a trait which today we aspire to exemplify.

Senator Colgan lost his wife of 52 years, the former Agnes Footen, in 2001. He remarried in 2008 and is survived by his wife of eight years, Carmen Alicia Bernal, of Gainesville; as well as eight children from his first marriage, Charles J. Colgan Jr. of Nokesville, Va., Ruth C. Willis of Brewerton, N.Y., Michael J. Colgan and Dot Chaplin, both of Gainesville, Raymond T. Colgan, Mary C. Finnigan and Patrick S. Colgan, all of Manassas, and Timothy C. Colgan of Warrenton, Va.; a brother, Robert Colgan, of Manassas; 24 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, we ask you to join us and countless others as we recognize the many contributions of Senator Charles Colgan. The services he provided to the Commonwealth of Virginia and to our country will never be forgotten, and we wish his family the best.

RECOGNIZING BETH MORRIS

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Beth Morris, an outstanding member of the Gainesville Community. Ms. Morris has been an invaluable asset to the development of the community's successful youth athletics program at Gainesville Parks and Recreation.

It has often been said that the strength of a community depends upon the spirit of community in each person. "Miss Beth," as the students in her youth program call her, epitomizes this truth through her dedication to her friends, family, and neighbors.

For more than 40 years, she has been a member of the Georgia Recreation and Park Association and has served as a longstanding committee member on the GRPA State Athletic committee. Throughout her time of service, Ms. Morris has become a mentor to other Parks and Recreation professionals, indicating that her passion will endure through others for years to come. Miss Beth's compassionate communication style has made her a role model for many GRPA Young Professionals.

In addition to her work at Gainesville Parks and Recreation, she serves as a volunteer for Gainesville Meals on Wheels, with United Way, and as a mentor for young, at-risk men and women in the Gainesville community. Ms. Morris's leadership has left a significant mark on the thousands of participants that she has led through the youth athletics program at Gainesville Parks and Recreation. It is my honor to recognize Beth's contribution to our northeast Georgia community.

TRIBUTE TO KIM WALL

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Kim Wall for being named a 2017 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines Area that are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious honor based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2017 class of Forty Under 40 honorees will join an impressive roster of 680 past business leaders and growing.

Kim is the co-founder and president of dsmHack, a nonprofit organization that provides opportunities for technology professionals to volunteer their time and talents to help nonprofits improve their technology. In three years, she has helped deliver over half a million dollars of in-kind technology services to 40 nonprofits with the help of over 350 local volunteer technologists. In addition to her nonprofit work and her career in software, Kim enjoys traveling, good food and wine, and seeking new adventures with her husband, friends and family.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Kim in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize her today for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Kim on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2017 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.

INTRODUCTION OF THE RARE DISEASE DAY RESOLUTION

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, in the United States, rare disorders and diseases are defined as conditions that affect fewer than 200,000 Americans. These conditions range from neurological diseases to devastating disorders that affect development. One thing that all of the patients and families affected by these conditions have in common is the need for education, research and treatment.

Though supporting research and development at the National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration, Congress has recognized the necessity for investment in lifesaving innovations that have an impact on rare diseases. On the last day in February each year, people all around the world unite to share their stories and educate communities of researchers, health professionals, governments, families and friends about how rare diseases affect them. I am introducing this resolution to encourage my colleagues in Congress to recognize the challenges facing the rare disease patient community and support efforts to improve access to treatments and cures.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE LOUDOUN COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 100th anniversary of the Loudoun County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Established in 1917, this chapter, comprised of staff, local organizations, and volunteers, has worked tirelessly to protect our Loudoun community. The success of the American Red Cross can be largely attributed to its network of local branches and chapters, like that of Loudoun County. For years, these local branches have established strong partnerships and garnered large groups of volunteers that allow for the broader organization to prosper on both a national and international level.

According to the chapter's Executive Director, Erwin Stierle, the five fundamental lines of service the American Red Cross aims to provide in Loudoun include disaster services, service to the armed forces, preparedness and safety, blood services, and international services. Additionally from a local community perspective, there are a growing number of Red Cross clubs across Loudoun County's high schools, and they have established several different local initiatives, including the Home Fire Campaign, in which smoke alarms and fire safety preparedness information are installed and provided in homes. Under the leadership of Erwin Stierle and his staff, the local chapter has seen enormous growth in community engagement and a surge in volunteers.